Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Joan Bunnell Neubauer is being honored today as Yankton's 2015 Citizen of the Year for her dedicated service to the state of South Dakota and especially to the community of Yankton; and,

Whereas, This lifelong South Dakotan at heart was born to Hubert Charles and Blanche (Pierce) Bunnell, was raised in Yankton, served the world throughout her 40-year career, and returned to her South Dakota roots to live in and serve Yankton and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, National recognition for Joan has included stage and screen accomplishments including over 100 performances in productions in Los Angeles and Orange County, California, as well as studio work in Los Angeles; and,

Whereas, Joan's professionalism has been evidenced in her overwhelming contributions to South Dakota's educational, historic, and volunteer communities, and over the many years she has always remained steadfast in promoting South Dakota and supporting her beloved alma mater Yankton College, and she has led the Board of Trustees and worked closely with the alumni, earning honors including Yankton College Alumni Service Award in 2002, the Humanities Hall of Honor in July 2014 at the All-Class Reunion, and the Doctor of Literature and Letters *Honoris Causa* in April 2014; and,

Whereas, Joan's desire to serve our great state of South Dakota is most evident through her tireless commitment to voluntarily preserving history, and she remains steadfast in supporting Yankton County Historical Society's renovation of the Mead Building, including future offices for her beloved Yankton College, located on the campus of the South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many noteworthy accomplishments of Joan Bunnell Neubauer, who will continue to support others through her dedicated service:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2016, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and the entire Yankton community in thanking Joan for her service and in honoring her as Yankton's Citizen of the Year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State